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TAGS: PINT, CASC, ES
SUBJECT: ALLEGED DEATH OF REPORTER

REF: SAN SALVADOR 5835

1. EMBASSY HAS TURNED UP NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THE AUGUST 3 ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL STATING THAT THE BODY OF A REPORTER WHO WAS STAYING AT THE SHERATON HOTEL COULD BE FOUND ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.

2. NATIONAL POLICE AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NO INFORMATION. EACH OF THE FOUR BODIES DELIVERED TO MORGUES IN THE SAN
SALVADOR AREA ON AUGUST 4 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. ALL KNOWN U.S. AND NON U.S. CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CORPS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

3. POST HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CALLER WAS REFERRING TO DISAPPEARED JOURNALIST JOHN SULLIVAN. AGAIN, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUSTAIN SPECULATION REGARDING THE VERACITY OF MOTIVE OFNGHE CALL.
BLEAKLEY

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